

administration of the Engineering Department upon the North Shore Railway, during the period of my official connection with that Road, as its Consulting and Acting Chief Engineer.

These official reports of the Government Engineer are now on file in the Department of Public Works; and they have also been officially placed before Parliament, in printed form, for the general use and information, not only of Parliament, but of the general public; whereas, my own official reports, which were made at the time, to the late North Shore Railway Company, in reply to, and in refutation of these misrepresentations, will never become entirely available in correcting the false and injurious impressions created by them, respecting myself, either in the minds of the present, or any future Government; or in the minds of the general public, for the reason that the Railway Company is no longer in existence; and its official records will, consequently, very soon pass into oblivion.

I would therefore most respectfully request that the enclosed letters, dated respectively: August 7th, 14th, and 20th, 1876, together with the accompanying printed copies of my official reports therein, and above referred to, and entitled respectively: "*Views of the Chief Engineer*," dated Jan. 30, 1875—" *Review of Engineering Expenses*," dated Feb. 2, 1875—" *Report of the Chief Engineer upon the situation*," dated March 4, 1875—and "*Historical Review of the Government Standard*," dated April 6, 1875, all of which are numbered in their proper order, from 1 to 7 inclusive, may be placed on file in the Office of the Minister of Public Works, for future reference, in connection with the official reports of the Government Engineer, above referred to;